Committee on earthquake

2911. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee entrusted with the works to evolve post earthquake measures for safety of human lives and properties, has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to implement the same;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when, it is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (e) Sir, no Committee was entrusted, specifically, with the work to evolve post earthquake measures for safety of human lives and property. However, a national committee was constituted, with Hon'ble Prime Minister as Chairman, on natural disasters to suggest short term, medium term and long term steps for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction in Gujarat as well as to deliberate on necessary institutional and legislative measures needed for effective and long term strategy to deal with natural calamities. The Committee is expected to submit its report after completion of the deliberations.